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Applicants: Shantanu V. Kaushikkar

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Title: System, Method, and Computer  
Software Product For Specifying A  
Scanning Area Of A Substrate

Examiner: Demetrius R. Pretlow

Group Art Unit: 2863

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**AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An Appendix including excerpted pages from a merger agreement is attached following page 15 of this paper.

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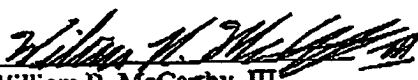
**CONCLUSION**

For these reasons, Applicants believe all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (781) 280-1522.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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